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1) REVIEW OF SRM-673-2 R BROCHURE INDICATES THAT EQUIPMENT IS QUITE SUPERIOR TO ANY PREVIOUSLY APPROVED. FOR EXAMPLE, POWER AND BEAM WIDTH ARE OF A QUALITY SUITABLE FOR AND COMPARABLE IN SENSITIVITY TO THAT IN USE BY SOME FREE WORLD NAVIES. COMPARED TO RECENT CANADIAN CASE FOR USSR (FIGURES IN PARENTHESIS), RANGE OF JAPANESE EQUIPMENT IN 10,500 FEET (6,500 FT.). IT OPERATES AT TWO FREQUENCIES 200 AND 28 K (21 KHZ. ONLY), WITH TWO ACCOMPANYING POWER LEVELS, 1200 AND 8,000 WATTS (6,000 WATTS), AND, MOST IMPORTANTLY, HAS A 3.5 DEGREE BEAM WIDTH (10 DEGREES).

2) DUAL POWER AND FREQUENCY LEVELS GIVE GOOD ASW CAPABILITY AT MAXIMUM RANGE AND IN COMBINATION WITH NARROW BEAM
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WIDTH PERMIT GOOD MINE DETECTION CAPABILITY AT SHORTER RANGES WHICH MIGHT HAVE IMPLICATIONS FOR UPGRADING BLOC CAPABILITIES.

3) DEL SHOULD BILATERAL WITH JAPANESE COLLEAGUE TO INFORM HIM OF THE ABOVE AND NOTE THAT ALTHOUGH US AGENCIES ARE STILL STUDYING THE CASE, AND AWAITING REPLIES TO OTHER QUESTIONS BEFORE OFFERING A FINAL POSITION, THEY ARE TROUBLED BY THE POINTS NOTED ABOVE AND PROBABLE OBJECTION MIGHT BE AVOIDED IF EQUIPMENT COULD BE SUBSTITUTED WITH SOMETHING MORE CLOSELY SIMILAR TO CANADIAN EQUIPMENT IN RECENT SOVIET CASES IF IT WERE TO BE INSTALLED ON IDENTIFIABLE FISHING VESSELS. RUSH

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